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1. By May of 1948 the Soviet Army had completed the construction of approximately ten bridges across the Danube, some of which were constructed under the surface of the water. These bridges are built specially for military vehicles.
2. One of these underwater bridges is ten kilometers south of Dunafoldvar and was constructed below the surface of the water in order to hide it from observation. By means of a special machine the center portion of this bridge can be swung to one side, thus permitting water traffic to pass unhindered. This opening and closing takes place completely under water.
3. In order to keep the existence of these bridges secret, their use is forbidden, even to the Army, and they are kept permanently open to permit the passage of river traffic.
4. The channel through the opened section of the bridge is marked with lighted buoys. This does not attract attention as there are many wrecks in the Danube, most of them now carefully marked with buoys.

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